

NOTE XV.

AN UNDESCRIBED NATICA

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Shell oblong-globose, deeply umbilicated, apex obtuse, whorls 4, upper ones rounded, smooth; last whorl slightly concave and striated at the suture, then rounded. Aperture semilunar, columellar margin thickly callously enamelled at the upper part, umbilicus moderate, with a conspicuous central callosity. Shell white, opaque near the suture. Alt. 26, diam. maj. 24, Apert. alt. 19, lat. 10 mill.

Hab. Red Sea (Mr. Ruysenaers).



This shell was in the collection of the Museum with the name *Rodatzi* Dunker. As I could find no description I asked Prof. von Martens for assistance, as Dunker's collection is now in the Berlin Museum. Mr. von Martens writes, that the shell agrees with Dunker's *Rodatzi* but has not been described. So I describe it with the name given by Dunker, but according to the rules of nomenclature not on his authority.

The species seems to be allied to *N. intemerata* Philippi, from the west coast of America, but is, according to the figures, characterized by the rounded upper whorls and concave last one, which, on account of the remote localities, seems sufficient to keep them separate.

Rhoon near Rotterdam, June 1900.